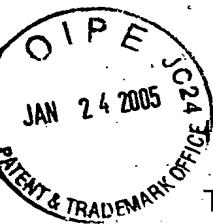


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 24, 2004, in the above-referenced patent application, Applicant is filing concurrently herewith a Request for Continued Examination and a request for a two-month extension of time, along with the appropriate fees. Applicant requests reconsideration of the application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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